

## **REMARKS**

Claims 9-17, 22-29, 38-46, 51-58, 60, 62 and 63 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1-62 were rejected in an Office Action dated November 6, 2002. Applicants have amended Claims 9, 38 and 60, canceled Claims 1-8, 18-21, 30-37, 47-50, 59 and 61, and added Claim 63, herewith. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

### **I. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 30-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding Claim 30, such claim has been cancelled herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Regarding Claim 38, line 8, the Examiner states that there appears to be a word or phrase missing, and that there is no proper antecedent basis for "the client". Applicants have amended Claim 38 herewith, to correct the antecedent basis problem.

The rejection of Claims 38-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome.

### **II. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-26, 28-34, 36-43, 45-55 and 57-62 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Dustan et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 18-21, 30-34, 36-37, 47-50, 59 and 61 have been cancelled herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Regarding Claim 9 (and dependent Claims 10-14 and 16-17), such claim has been amended to recite 'determining whether the credential is valid for both the client and the session data', as shown in the preferred embodiment at Figure 5C, blocks 544/546 and 556/558. The cited reference does not teach or suggest a credential determination for

both the client and the session data. Hence, the rejection of Claim 9 (and dependent Claims 10-14 and 16-17) has been successfully traversed.

Regarding Claim 22 (and dependent Claims 23-26 and 28-29), such claim recites 'receiving ... a first credential from a client', 'retrieving a session data structure including a second credential', and 'determining whether the first credential and the second credential (which was retrieved as part of the session data structure) match'. The Examiner cites Dustan Col. 9, lines 27-30 as teaching that the session id is also verified. Applicants show that in addition to determining whether the session identification is valid, Claim 22 also determines whether the first credential and second credential match in response to such session identification determination. In contrast, Dustan only teaches validation of account number and password during initial logon (Dustan Figure 5, block 200). Subsequent requests check the supplied session ID (Dustan Figure 6, block 238), but do determine whether a first credential matches a session data structure credential. Hence, it is shown that Claim 22 (and dependent Claims 23-26 and 28-29) has been erroneously rejected, as every element of Claim 22 is not taught by the cited reference.

Applicants traverse the rejection of Claim 38 (and dependent Claims 39-43 and 45-46) and Claim 60 for similar reasons to those given above regarding Claim 9.

Applicants traverse the rejection of Claim 51 (and dependent Claims 52-55 and 57-58) and Claim 62 for similar reasons to those given above regarding Claim 22.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 9-14, 16-17, 22-26, 28-29, 38-43, 45-46, 51-55, 57-58 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 has been overcome.

### **III. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 6, 15, 27, 35, 44 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Dustan et al in view of Beyeh et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 6 and 35 have been cancelled herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Regarding Claims 15, 27, 44 and 56, Applicants traverse for similar reasons to those given above regarding independent Claims 9, 22, 38 and 51.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 15, 27, 44 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

IV. Newly Added Claim

Claim 63 has been added herewith. Examination is respectfully requested.

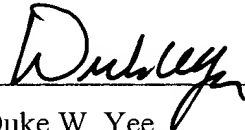
V. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references, and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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